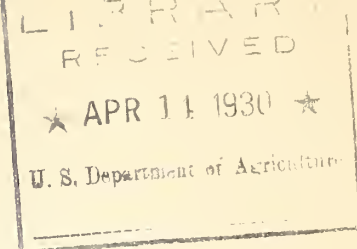


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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CLUB WORK?

A radio talk by Robert G. Foster, field agent in club work for the Eastern States, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, delivered through Station WRC and 43 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Eastern Standard Time, April 5, 1930.

Hundreds of letters from different parts of the country have come to the club office in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, asking many questions about 4-H clubs. Some ask what these clubs are, others how their children may enroll, whether the work is carried on in every state, what it costs a boy or girl to belong, and how they can learn more about it? Let me tell you a story called "The Power of a Million Boys and Girls" and you can carry this same message to thousands of other folks who don't know about 4-H club work.

First, I want you all to imagine that you are here in this big auditorium with me and we'll just knock out one entire side of the building. We can see back across the hills and plains down a line over four hundred miles long and these are farm boys and girls ten to twenty years of age enrolled in 4-H club work from every state in the Union. Now let's have them all march across the platform in front of us. Let's see how the club members look who come from Maine, Florida, California, Oklahoma, Iowa and all the other states. There are tall ones and short ones, big ones and little ones, and just all sorts. They all look pretty much alike, don't they? If they didn't talk you could never tell whether they came from Maine, Virginia, Alabama or Oregon.

Now let's build a huge scale on the open side of the auditorium and bring all these 4-H club folks back, pile them up in a great huge pile and weigh them. My! Such a load! Over seventy-five million pounds of raw material! Seventy-five million pounds of farm boys and girls who will make up the citizenship of rural America tomorrow. Remember the title of our story? "The Power of a Million Boys and Girls"!

There is a man in an eastern state who was formerly a poultry club member. He joined so that the boys in his community could have a club. At that time he didn't want to farm but thought he might have a good time. The home farm on which he lived had never paid much profit and anyhow he was going to be an engineer. To this boy's surprise, in addition to having a good time, he made a small profit on his chickens by using good methods and kept on in the club until he finished high school. He had made enough by that time to pay part of his college expense from his chickens. At the college the Kiwanis club had built a poultry house for the use of worthy club boys and so this chap took his birds to college with him and they helped give him a four year college education in Agriculture.

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Today this lad, now a young man, is owner of the home farm, has increased its earnings from a livelihood to a labor income of over \$2000 in these seven years. He is a master of the local grange, developing a local fair, a successful dairy and poultry farmer; is married and his wife is local leader of a successful 4-H club in their community.

Now I want you to think of the power of a million farm boys and girls with this sort of ambition, stick-to-itiveness and achievement. That's 4-H club work.

What is your club doing to tell your parents, your neighbors, business men and women and others in your county and state of such 4-H club activities and achievements? Have you told them that 4-H club work is conducted cooperatively by the Department of Agriculture, Land Grant Colleges, County governments and local farm organizations? that there are over 700,000 rural boys and girls enrolled in the work? that every state has club work available to all rural young people ten to twenty years of age without cost? that the 4-H's stand for Head, Heart, Hand and Health? the meaning of the club pledge? and that every 4-H club boy or girl undertakes one or more agricultural or homemaking enterprises each year and carries them through to completion, making a report and exhibit of results at the end of the year?

Some clubs in order to tell others of their activities put on local achievement days and fairs, others put on demonstrations at grange, farm bureau, parent-teachers' association, Rotary Club and other organization meetings; still others put regular news items and pictures of their club work in the local papers.

Write and tell us the ways in which your club is taking its part in community life. The ways you are using to interest other boys and girls in becoming 4-H club members and adults in becoming local advisors of your clubs. Remember the power of a million boys and girls.